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Date: May 20, 2021  
To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public  
From: Vice Mayor Rebecca Kaplan  
Re: **Adopt A Resolution Requesting That The State Of California Increase The Maximum Allowable Weight For Zero Emission Trucks On State Roadways.**

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Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

Many Oaklanders are subjected to excessive air pollution and harm to their health. The transportation sector is responsible for more than half of all of California's carbon pollution, and the overwhelming majority of toxic diesel emissions. A California executive order includes a directive to develop regulations that all medium- and heavy-duty vehicles be 100 percent zero emission by 2045 where feasible, with the mandate going into effect by 2035 for drayage trucks.

We have been working with multiple stakeholders to bring zero-emission trucks to Oakland, recognizing that diesel particulate emissions from trucks are one of the major sources of pollution harming our community, including disproportionately African American communities in East and West Oakland. This effort has some important successes; a proposed project for zero-emission Hydrogen Fuel Cell trucks and fueling station, together with the Alameda County Transportation Commission, was awarded a \$17.1 million grant by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the California Energy Commission (CEC), and funding from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD). These grants will fund a Hydrogen Fuel Trucks Pilot Program, and will install a hydrogen fueling station near the Port of Oakland.

Many thousands of trucks currently serve the Port of Oakland, almost all of which are diesel. In order to protect public health we must do more to move to zero emission trucks. Zero emission vehicles tend to be heavier than diesel vehicles, and thus, in order to reduce pollution and encourage more use of zero-emission trucks, we propose to ask the State of California to increase the maximum allowable weight for zero emission trucks on state roadways.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Kaplan".

Vice Mayor Rebecca Kaplan  
Oakland City Councilmember At Large

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